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16W Upgraded to Tropical Storm Again; Community Advised to Prepare

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor what is now Tropical Storm 16W. Residents of the Marianas are advised to carefully monitor the progress of Tropical Storm 16W.

As of 4 p.m., the system was located 12.3 degrees north latitude and 161.7 degrees east longitude, about 1145 miles east of Guam. The system is moving west at 17 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. 16W is expected to continue moving west with little change in forward speed through Monday. On this current track, 16W will approach the Mariana Islands Monday night and Tuesday.

It is still uncertain the exact intensity and location by the time it reaches the Marianas. To prepare for any scenario, the community is advised take the following precautionary actions now before inclement weather arrives:

- Stay up to date with the latest information. The system's track or intensity may change and advisories may be issued.
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household; stock up on non-perishable food items and water for your household, flashlights, first-aid kits, batteries, matches or lighters, portable stove, toiletries, etc. Visit <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit> for more information on what to include in your supplies list.
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds.
- Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to be alert for possible additional advisories and to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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